

7. COORDINATION OF LOCAL MITIGATION PLANNING

7.1 Local Funding and Technical Assistance

Requirement: §201.4(c)(4)(i): [The section on the Coordination of Local Mitigation Planning must include a] description of the State process to support, through funding and technical assistance, the development of local mitigation plans.

Local Planning Funding & Technical Assistance

The Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM) has been extremely proactive in assisting our counties, local jurisdictions and tribal governments in the development of their hazard mitigation plans. Since approval of the previous Plan, ADEM has applied for and been awarded over \$320,000 in PDM grant funding to assist nine of our counties update their local plan. The matching amount of slightly over \$107,000 will be provided by ADEM.

As of September 2010, ADEM's continued assistance provided to our local jurisdictions has resulted in approved plans for all 15 counties, 82 of our 91 local jurisdictions and 9 of 20 Indian tribes with land/infrastructure, requiring a plan.

ADEM anticipates continuing the same level of coordination with our local jurisdictions during the second round of updates in and around 2015.

In order to manage the planning projects and grants, ADEM hired a contractor to facilitate the planning process, perform research, create maps and assess vulnerability. The contractor works with the jurisdictions under the direction of the Planning Program Manager in the Mitigation Office. Meetings are facilitated by ADEM's Planning Program Manager and the contractor's representative.

During the previous Plan's cycle, ADEM has coordinated and assisted six counties in the development of their Plan's first update. ADEM attends and facilitates most planning meetings with the jurisdictions and contractor to ensure proper processes are followed and the resulting Plans will meet the requirements of the State and FEMA. Meeting State and Federal requirements is critical, however, ADEM strives to help jurisdictions develop plans that reflect the unique characteristics and challenges experienced by each.

ADEM prioritizes coordination and assistance according to Plan expiration date and jurisdictions with severe repetitive loss (SRL) issues/properties. As of April 2010, Arizona has no SRL properties, however we understand that may change. Should a jurisdiction have properties that become SRL in nature after Plan approval, ADEM intends to provide them the needed assistance to update their Plan to reflect the change(s).

To provide further local planning assistance, The Mitigation Section teaches FEMA course MAG318: *Mitigation Planning Workshop for Local Governments* at various locations throughout the State. The class has resulted in an increase awareness of planning processes and excellent class evaluations. Following is a listing of classes hosted by ADEM since the previous Plan approval,

- Feb 7-8, 2008 – 18 attendees
- Feb 20-21, 2008 – 31 attendees
- March 11-12 – 11 attendees
- Sept 9-10, 2009 – 24 attendees
- June 29-30, 2010 – 17 attendees

The benefits of our planning coordination strategy include:

- ADEM applying for the grants on behalf of the local jurisdictions and tribal governments. Many jurisdictions do not have the resources to focus their attention to applying for grants;
- ADEM meeting the match requirements. Many jurisdictions do not have the financial resources to meet the 25% match requirement.

- Ensuring the counties included the communities within the county. By including the communities within the county, ADEM was able to assist more communities and get a “bigger bang for our buck.”

The Mitigation Office keeps track of approval dates of all mitigation plans within the state in a table which is located in a Mitigation common drive. This will assist anyone who comes into the mitigation office with the plan status statewide. Detailed documentation is also kept for each county, community and tribal government so anyone coming into the office can immediately know what has been happening.

Funding Source Disaster #	Year	Grant Amount	Project Name	Jurisdiction Agency
PDM	2010	\$ 101,250	Local Mitigation Plan Updates	ADEM
PDM	2009	\$ 220,000	Local Mitigation Plan Updates	ADEM
PDM	2008	\$ 105,000	Maricopa Co Mitigation Plan Update	Maricopa Co

Local Non-Planning Funding & Technical Assistance

Since the approval of our previous Plan, there has been one federally declared disaster in Arizona; #1880 declared January 2010, due to severe winter storms. We are currently in the HMGP application process and the table below illustrates the technical assistance provided by ADEM since the approval of our previous Plan:

- **Benefit Cost Analysis Classes**
 - Oct 2007, July 2009 and Aug 2010
- **Application Development Classes**
 - Jan 2007, May 2008, July 2008, Aug 2009 and Aug 2010
- **HMGP Briefings (Disaster 1880)**
 - 12 briefings during April, May and June
 - Covered all 15 counties
 - 104 people in attendance for all together
- **Project Site Visits**
 - Aug 2010 Town of Eagar
 - Aug 2010 Town of Snowflake

In June 2010, ADEM, in coordination with FEMA, conducted a Digital Flood Map Workshop in Phoenix. The training provided instruction on how to access, view and analyze flood map information. The targeted and invited audience was floodplain administrators/managers, emergency managers, GIS professionals and others who deal with flood-related issues. Approximately 13 individuals were in attendance.

Funding Source Disaster #	Year	Grant Amount	Project Name	Jurisdiction Agency
PDM	2008	\$ 493,679	Seismic Hazard Update	AZGS

Upon a federal disaster declaration; ADEM intends to:

- Contact jurisdictions and other potential applicants and solicit desired project summaries or “Notices of Intent” to submit an application;
- Visit specific counties affected by the disaster to observe and advise regarding possible mitigation projects;
- Conduct workshops will be conducted throughout the State to assist applicants in the preparation of their applications and the Benefit Cost Analysis process;
- Meet individually with potential applicants that are unable to attend the scheduled workshops to assist in application completion;
- Review, prioritize and submit applications;
- Maintain ongoing monitoring and contact with successful sub-grantees in the management of their projects and completion of required reports;
- When possible, coordinate project site visits to monitor progress and photograph the work as it is accomplished.